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- 1. In one Soviet officer's opinion, as of early summer 1954, the USSR had neither the desire nor the ability to wage war. His reasons for this were:

 a) the marginal economic conditions within the USSR; and b) the incomplete status of the Communist organization in the satellites and China.
- 2. In support of the theory that the USSR will pursue a peace policy, this officer offered the following recent Soviet moves an indices:
 - a. The rejoining of various international organizations.
 - b. Attempts to nurture international trade.
 - c. Normalization of relations with Yugoslavia.
 - d. The promotion of better relations between Yugoslavia and the Peoples' Democracies.
- 3. The officer interpreted a tribute to the former allies made by Marshal Zhukov in the 9 May 1954 issue of Pravda as further evidence of this peace policy.

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